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LEVY MAYER ISN'T BRANDEIS.

—The papers say a telegram has been sent to Pres. Wilson recommending Levy Mayer of Chicago as a successor to Hughes on the supreme court bench. But there is no chance. Levy Mayer is not a Brandeis. He is a smart lawyer, but with the trust and corporation bias. He has never, so far as I have heard, used his talent for the public welfare, but rather has sold it to his clients.

WHERE SHAFFER MEDDLES.

John C. Shaffer, who runs the Chicago Evening Post and a string of daily publications known as the Shaffer papers, is shooting many editorials these days about Woodrow Wilson and what a punk president W. W. has been.

It's a proper time to call Shaffer's attention to the slogan Marshall Field long ago nailed over the policy of his big retail store. It ran this way: "Give the customer what he wants; the customer is always right."

What readers of the Evening Post would like to see just now is an answer from Shaffer to these questions:

Why are many Progressives balking and refusing to obey Shaffer and line up for Hughes for president?

Why does the Evening Post and Shaffer and all of Shaffer's editorial staff keep silence about the Repub-

lican Hughes platform leaving out the social justice planks which were the big hit of the Progressive platform four years ago? Why no word about child labor, woman labor, minimum wage and the human essentials of preparedness?

And why are Raymond Robins and Harold Ickes now in Oyster Bay asking pointed and timely questions of Theodore Roosevelt?

WILSON AND HUGHES.—The issues of the campaign will not be finally defined until we hear the speeches of acceptance by Wilson and Hughes. In these speeches the candidates will give to the country their interpretations of their respective platforms. If Hughes wants to go farther in defining "undiluted Americanism" than his party platform does he has a chance in this speech. The country will also await with some curiosity his handling of a delicate situation, with Roosevelt on one side of it and the German-American Alliance on the other. If he holds both of them he will be some diplomat.

AMERICANISM.—The time is coming when patriotic American citizens of German birth or ancestry will have to do their own talking and refuse to be represented by the mere handful of agitators who have pushed the German-American issue into politics. There is no sound reason why the great mass of so-called German-American citizens should be credited with having a stronger affection for the fatherland than for the country of their adoption, than the so-called Irish-Americans, British-Americans or any other kind of hyphenates should be credited with a similar emotion. The few hyphenates, no matter what European country be their fatherland, who have butted into American politics in an attempt to influence the policy of the government toward the warring nations, will be sat down upon. They